

# The BRIGHTON CONNECTION

City of Brighton, Colorado

November - December 2016

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS READY TO SPARKLE



The City of Brighton will present the 21st Annual Festival of Lights Parade at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The family-favorite event will kick-off at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day with a variety of historic downtown and winter festival activities until the tree lighting ceremony and parade. The parade will feature local organizations, businesses and families who have come together to spread holiday spirit with the Brighton community.

### WINTER FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

**10 a.m. - AMC Theaters, Pavilions**  
FREE children's matinee, seating is limited

**11 a.m. - Business Open House, Historic Downtown**  
Multiple businesses will open their doors with special sales, holiday activities and refreshments.

**2 p.m. - Winter Festival, Historic City Hall**

- Santa Comes to Town
- Teddy Bear and Friends Tree
- Hay Rides
- Petting Zoo
- Food Vendors

**4:15 p.m. - 7th Annual Paw & Pal 1.5k Run/Walk**

Let your dog get in on the holiday fun! Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each weight category. Proceeds benefit Platte River Track Club. Download your registration at [www.brightonco.gov/festivaloflights](http://www.brightonco.gov/festivaloflights).

**5 p.m. - Festival of Lights Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, Historic City Hall**  
Mayor McLean and City Council members will count down the lighting of the three-story evergreen tree covered in more than 6,000 lights. The parade will include more than 75 fully-lighted entries and floats that highlight the theme of "A Hometown Holiday Tradition."



To become an event sponsor, vendor or to enter the parade, please visit [www.brightonco.gov/festivaloflights](http://www.brightonco.gov/festivaloflights) to download the required forms and view deadlines.

*All events are free and open to the public. All activities and the parade will take place snow or shine. For more information, contact 303-655-2218 or visit [www.brightonco.gov/festivaloflights](http://www.brightonco.gov/festivaloflights).*

## City seeking names of Vietnam War veterans

The City of Brighton is in the process of planning a Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be placed in the city next year. To help with this memorial, the city is seeking names of any Vietnam War veteran that served or lost their life in the war and considers Brighton home. The names will be placed on the memorial. Please send names to Arts and Culture Coordinator David Gallegos at [dgallegos@brightonco.gov](mailto:dgallegos@brightonco.gov) or call 303-655-2176.

## ARTfest at the Armory

The holiday art show at the Armory Performing Arts Center will feature local artists from Nov. 5 to Dec. 31. There will also be a free community reception with refreshments and entertainment Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Call Sue Corbett 303-655-2076 for more information.

This show is currently seeking artists for the show! Applications are available online at [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov) under the Brighton Cultural Arts Commission tab. Deadline to enter will be Wednesday, Oct. 28. Artists can enter two pieces of art work.



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Turkey Trot

SAT, NOV 19, 2016



**START TIME:**  
8:30 a.m.



**WHERE:**  
Brighton Recreation Center  
555 North 11th Avenue



**BOLDER BOULDER**  
Qualifying Race!

**Early Bird Fee:**  
\$30 Adult (18 - 59)  
\$20 Youth (17 & under)  
\$20 Senior (60+)

**Race Day Fee:**  
\$33 Adult (18 - 59)  
\$25 Youth (17 & under)  
\$25 Senior (60+)

**Fee Includes:**  
Great Tec T-shirt, breakfast, awards, prizes, drawings, fun & more!  
(must be present to win)

Awards given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female finishers in each age division for walkers & runners.

**THANK YOU TURKEY TROT SPONSORS!**

PLATTE VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER  
Advanced Urgent Care Anthony's Pizza Black Jack Pizza Cold Stone Creamery McDonald's  
Nestman & Eng Orthodontics O'Neal Flat Rolled Metals Papa John's Pizza Papa Murphy's Pizza  
Perfect Teeth Poulson Family Dental Redeemer Bible Church Sabbot Smiles  
Salud Family Health Centers United Power Valley Bank & Trust

**BRIGHTONCO.GOV/TURKEYTROT**

For more information regarding this event please call Valerie Rodriguez, Race Director  
303-655-2200 or 303-655-2221 • [VRodriguez@brightonco.gov](mailto:VRodriguez@brightonco.gov)



# Brighton Youth Commission named Youth of the Year

The Brighton Youth Commission has been selected as Youth of the Year by Mental Health Colorado for their efforts with S.P.E.A.K (Suicide, Prevention, Education, Awareness and Knowledge).

Annually, Mental Health Colorado honors a youth group, individual and organization for leading the way in the mental health and substance use in the Colorado region. The Commission will be formally recognized at Mental Health Colorado's Tribute Gala Oct. 22.

The Brighton Youth Commission is a group of 22 youth and six adults who are appointed by the Brighton City Council to study and investigate matters impacting youth in the City of Brighton. The Youth Commissioners are selected based on leadership, commitment and desire to make an impact in their community.

In 2012, in response to the tragic suicide of a friend and classmate, Joshua Dillon, The Brighton Youth Commission created S.P.E.A.K. Week. The S.P.E.A.K. Week project is entirely youth led and driven. S.P.E.A.K. Week is a weeklong worth of activities that provide education and resources regarding mental health and suicide prevention that takes place in School District 27J schools. The week concludes with a community 5K walk, which aims to break down the stigmas surrounding mental health and bring attention to our local mental health resources.



## Brighton Minor Home Repair program accepting applications

The City of Brighton Minor Home Repair program is now accepting applications from homeowners needing assistance in making necessary health and safety repairs to their home. The program, administered through Adams County, provides grants, technical assistance and contract management to eligible homeowners.

To be eligible, applicants must be an Adams County resident living within Brighton city limits, own the home (name must be on the Deed of Trust), live in the home as primary residence and meet established income guidelines.

Common repairs made through the program

- Furnaces
- Plumbing
- Hot water heaters
- Windows
- Electrical
- Roof repair

An initial telephone interview is conducted to determine preliminary eligibility. After the phone interview, an application is mailed to homeowners who meet preliminary eligibility requirements and income guidelines. If the application is approved, the Adams County housing coordinator will conduct an on-site visit to determine essential repairs needed. Priority is given to items needed to establish a healthy, safe and sanitary home.

For more information, please call 720-523-6201 or visit [www.adcogov.org/minor-home-repair](http://www.adcogov.org/minor-home-repair).



# FAFSA NIGHTS

## 5:30 - 7:30 PM

*Need Money?*

COMPLETE THE **FAFSA** AND RECEIVE HELP, FEEDBACK AND IDEAS ON WRITING ESSAYS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

➤ <b>OCTOBER 11</b> Eagle Ridge	➤ <b>NOVEMBER 9</b> Brighton Heritage Academy
➤ <b>OCTOBER 12</b> Brighton High School	➤ <b>JANUARY 17</b> Anythink Library
➤ <b>OCTOBER 26</b> Prairie View High School	➤ <b>JANUARY 24</b> Boys and Girls Club

**"GET THE GREEN" YOU NEED TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND ENJOY DINNER ON US!**

PLEASE RSVP TO ABBY MARTINEZ AT  
303-655-2186 OR [AGMARTINEZ@BRIGHTONCO.GOV](mailto:AGMARTINEZ@BRIGHTONCO.GOV)  
SPACE IS LIMITED



## Brighton's One-Stop Customer Service Center: Customer #1 Priority!

Have a fall or winter construction project that you are starting, or are you looking to open a new business in Brighton? If either is true, chances are you will need to file paperwork with the city. The One-Stop Customer Service Center (CSC) will be happy to help you with that process!

Located on the first floor of Brighton's City Hall (500 South 4th Ave.), the One-Stop CSC is open to the public from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Brighton staff is available via phone call or for walk-in to answer any and all questions pertaining to the permit/license/inspection process of the city. Construction project or business applications are submitted and processed through the CSC.

Prior to the creation of the CSC, permits, licenses, and/or inspection requests were handled by several different departments inside the city. Acknowledging that the process was somewhat redundant and cumbersome for customers, Brighton staff made progressive and positive changes resulting in the creation of the One-Stop CSC; with customer service being our top priority, we initiated a true "one-stop" experience.

The CSC is intended to operate essentially as a process manager on behalf of both the public and the city staff. When a customer enters our CSC, they will not only be greeted by smiling faces, but also by knowledgeable, International Code Council (ICC) certified team members who will work individually with each customer to ensure a quick turnover and quality experience.

If you have any questions for our One-Stop CSC team please do not hesitate to come in or call the One-Stop Customer Service Center at 303-655-2017. For more information about the One-Stop Customer Service Center, and/or to download applications, visit our website at [www.brightonco.gov/215/One-Stop-CSC-Building-Division](http://www.brightonco.gov/215/One-Stop-CSC-Building-Division).

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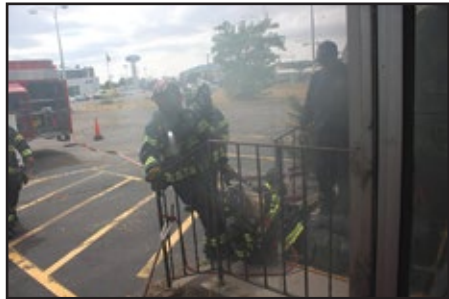
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## PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR FIREFIGHTERS

A partnership between the Brighton Fire Rescue District, City of Brighton and Brighton Urban Renewal Authority (BURA) provided a useful training opportunity for Brighton firefighters. Firefighters participated in Search & Rescue trainings at 880 S. Main St., also commonly known as the Smith Property. BURA reached out to Brighton Fire to see if it would like to use the property as a training site before the site was demolished. Brighton Fire gladly accepted the opportunity and hosted trainings in the building throughout the week of Sept. 12.



## Holiday cooking safety reminders from the Brighton Fire Rescue District

From wings on football Sunday to Thanksgiving turkey, Christmas ham and pumpkin pie... Food is usually at the center of our special events. But cooking for a large group yields the risk of distraction and cooking fires. Here's what you should know to keep you and your family safe:

### In the Kitchen

- Never leave cooking unattended. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove.
- Keep children at least three feet away from the stove and oven while cooking.
- Wear short sleeves or tight fitting clothes.
- If you must leave the room, set a portable timer that you can take with you as a reminder that you have food cooking.

### If there is a Fire

If there's a fire in the oven, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Leave your home and call 911.

If there's a fire on the stove, DON'T USE WATER! Use an extinguisher or cover with a lid or cookie sheet. Water does not mix with grease or oil, and will in turn make the fire bigger. Also, DON'T MOVE THE PAN! This is likely to spread the fire and cause major burns. You can also use baking soda to put out the fire, but be absolutely certain that you are using baking soda and not flour or sugar. Flour and sugar are extremely flammable and would make your fire larger rather than putting it out.



### Holiday Cooking

The National Fire Protection Association says Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. Distractions while cooking are a big contributor to kitchen fires. Those distractions include leaving the kitchen to use the phone, watch TV and converse with guests. Turkey fryers are another major cause of Thanksgiving Day fires. When using a fryer remember to follow these tips:

- Make sure your turkey is completely thawed before using the fryer.
- NEVER use your fryer in a garage, barn or under the eaves of your home.
- Keep children away from the fryer.
- Avoid overflow of the hot oil by following directions on liquid displacement.

By following these simple tips and always following manufacturer directions, you can keep your family safe during the holidays and all year round.

## CITY CALENDAR *Dates are subject to change.*

### November

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| <b>1</b>  | City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall   |
| <b>2</b>  | Liquor Licensing meeting, 10 a.m., City Hall  |
| <b>8</b>  | City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall   |
| <b>10</b> | Historic Preservation Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Historic City Hall   |
| <b>15</b> | City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall   |
| <b>17</b> | Arts & Culture Symposium, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Armory Performing Arts Center  |
| <b>19</b> | Turkey Trot, 8:30 a.m., Brighton Recreation Center<br><br>ARTfest at the Armory reception, free to the public 5:30 - 7 p.m. |
| <b>22</b> | City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall   |
| <b>24</b> | City offices, Recreation Center and Eagle View Adult Center closed  |
| <b>25</b> | City offices and Eagle View Adult Center closed   |

### December

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| <b>6</b>  | City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall   |
| <b>7</b>  | Liquor Licensing meeting, 10 a.m., City Hall  |
| <b>8</b>  | Historic Preservation Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Historic City Hall                           |
| <b>10</b> | 21st Annual Festival of Lights Parade and Winter Festival 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Downtown Brighton |
| <b>13</b> | City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall   |
| <b>20</b> | City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall   |
| <b>23</b> | City offices, Recreation Center and Eagle View Adult Center closed                            |
| <b>26</b> | City offices and Eagle View Adult Center closed   |
| <b>27</b> | City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall   |

## Feedback needed: ADA Transition Plan survey!

The City of Brighton is performing a public outreach program toward the development of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan (Plan). The purpose of this Plan is to eliminate facilities barriers. Barriers are typically eliminated by adding or correcting sidewalks and curb ramps. Please take a moment to help us locate needed improvements by completing our online survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrightonADA](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrightonADA).



Your feedback will help us develop a plan that will provide guidance in making ADA related improvements, as funding allows. For questions, contact Karla Armstrong at 303-655-2006.



# CITY OF BRIGHTON SNOW PLOWING 101

The City's Street Department works together to provide safe roadways within the city limits of Brighton by providing ongoing street maintenance and adequate traffic control for the commuting public. The Department currently maintains more than 300 miles of streets.

Whether it's filling potholes in the summer, replacing street signals to reduce incidents, or working to keep streets dry and a "no-sliding zone" once snow hits, the streets crew is continually doing their best to keep the Brighton community safe when traveling from point A to point B.

With colder months in our horizon and snowy days ahead, we thought we'd provide our residents with a Brighton Snow Plowing 101 refresher course.

Each of the snowplow trucks are equipped with ice control equipment. We can have all trucks distribute a granular material called Ice Slicer and we have one snowplow truck that can distribute a liquid product called Apex. The Ice Slicer is a compound of four types of salt, mostly sodium chloride, and the Apex is mostly magnesium chloride. We look at the forecast and expected temperatures to determine which type of ice control to use. Though there is not a "typical" snow event, we most often respond with an initial deployment of snowplow trucks where we run 12 hour alternating shifts to keep five snowplow trucks running around the clock. The amount and type of ice control material we use depends on the temperature of the pavement and the air.

**As a reminder, our City Snow Plan indicates that we don't plow residential streets during or after a normal storm. Snow accumulation has to be more than 12 inches and with freezing conditions to activate a snow removal plan that address residential streets. Keep in mind, we can only address residential streets after we addressed all the arterial and neighborhood streets. The City of Brighton snow policy is located on the City of Brighton website at: [www.brightonco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8042](http://www.brightonco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8042).**

This policy is consistent with most of the cities along the Front Range. The snow route map used by our streets crews indicates three levels of priority for plowing streets. You can see the route map on the City's website at [www.brightonco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3347](http://www.brightonco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3347) The primary routes are the highest priority followed by secondary routes and neighborhood routes. These route priorities are based on the need to maintain minimized response times for emergency responders. Schools are included in most of the secondary routes.



There are a few items that residents can do to help the City as we address snow storms each year:

1. Be aware of where you (or your contractors) place snow when cleaning areas around your home or business. Please move the snow to areas of grass (or spare parking space of your business); not to the gutter. Remember: the water from the melting snow is good for the grass but keep in mind not to pile snow on your woody plants and shrubs as that may break branches.
2. Please be patient with our snowplow drivers. They are doing their best to make the roads safe. Remember, they don't get the benefit of the ice control falling out of the back of their truck. We don't intend to make you late to your appointment or work, we are trying to clear as much snow as possible.
3. If you see something that needs attention during or after a snow storm, call our Streets and Fleet Department at 303-655-2087 or 303-655-2034. You may also go online to submit a work request at [www.brightonco.gov](http://www.brightonco.gov) and click on "Report a Concern."

## City of Brighton offers Halloween safety tips

Halloween can be an exciting time of the year — trick-or-treating, the City of Brighton's Cemetery Walk, Brighton Recreation Center's Car-nival Palooza, pumpkin flavored anything and dressing up as your favorite spooky character. Although Halloween can be filled with fun, it's important to keep safety in mind.



**The City of Brighton offers the following safety tips for Halloween:**

- Stay with a group of three or more. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult or responsible older sibling.
- Know the route your children will be taking.
- Avoid wearing costumes that cover your eyes, mouth or nose. Ensure props are made of flexible material.
- Visibility – be sure costumes are easily seen even in dark areas; stick to familiar, well-lit neighborhoods and have kids carry a flashlight if necessary to be seen.
- Watch for traffic and avoid crossing streets mid-block. Ensure your children know how to cross the street.
- Be especially careful when driving; remember that excited children may run out without warning.

*For questions or concerns, please contact the City of Brighton at 303-655-1000.*



**Join us for a night of fun. Bring your friends and make new ones, too!**

**Games. Prizes. Music. Contests. Swimming.**  
Snacks, drinks and prizes available for purchase.

**Fridays. 7 - 10:30 p.m.**  
Brighton Recreation Center  
Ages 7-14. Admission: \$12 per person

**[www.kidsniteout.org](http://www.kidsniteout.org)**



# RECREATION NEWS

For more information on class dates and times, view the Recreation guide at [www.brightonrecreation.com](http://www.brightonrecreation.com)

## Brighton Rec Center welcomes winter with wide range of programs!

The Brighton Recreation Center will be taking registrations for its winter and spring programs starting Dec. 8 and 9.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 for Brighton residents (with proof of residency) to sign up in person at the Recreation Center for activities including swim lessons, pre-k classes, dance classes, teen activities and more! Online registration for residents will be accepted starting at noon Thursday, Dec. 8 at [brightonrecreation.com](http://brightonrecreation.com).

In person open registration will begin at 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at the Recreation Center and noon online.

Phone registration will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. To register over the phone, please call the Recreation Center's amazing front desk team at 303-655-2200.

Keep an eye out for the Recreation Center flyer \*including a special promotional offer\*, coming to Brighton mailboxes by the end of November!

## Register now for youth basketball!

Join one of the Rec Center's most popular programs! A great way for your kiddo to learn new skills and meet new friends, youth basketball focuses on the games' fundamental skills, while emphasizing fun for all participants in a recreational setting.

Teams practice twice per week (1 practice/week for 6 to 7 year-olds) for one hour, and all teams play games on Saturdays.

Love kids? Want to get your child's entire registration fee back at the end of the season? We are always in need of volunteer coaches. We provide all of the tools needed for coaches to set them up for success!

Cost is \$60/player and includes a reversible jersey. Registration will close Dec. 16. This program is very popular and spaces fill up quickly! To register, visit the Recreation Center at 555 N 11th Ave. or visit [brightonrecreation.com](http://brightonrecreation.com).



## Looking for the perfect holiday party location? The Brighton Recreation Center offers community rooms for private events!

The Brighton Recreation center is now renting its multi-purpose community room. The room is able to accommodate up to 200 people and can be divided into two or three separate rooms for smaller events. This is a great space for family gatherings, birthday parties, baby showers, and even wedding receptions! It features a 2,200 square foot wood floor, a 1,100 square foot carpeted space, as well as patio access to Brighton Park.

The rooms also have an available full-sized kitchen, and sound system with microphones. All tables and chairs are included with rentals and will be set up for renters according to their vision. Rates start at \$30/hour per room for Brighton residents. Make your reservation today as rates will be going up starting Jan. 1! Reservations can be made up to a year in advance by calling Lance Vigil at 303-655-2200.

### Space Time Workshops

Hands-on science workshops and camps that include exciting experiments and interactive participation. These classes are designed to get kids energized about space, science and exploration.

Alien Invasion Workshop  
Ages 5 – 12 yrs Saturdays  
11/5 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
12/3 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.  
\$21

Space Mission Mars Workshop  
Ages 5 – 12 yrs Saturdays  
11/5 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
12/3 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
\$21

Space Explorers Thanksgiving Camp  
Ages 6 – 12 yrs  
\$75 full day/\$125 half day  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m./10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Mon 11/21, Tues, 11/22, Wed 11/23 and Fri 11/25.



Register at [www.spacetimekids.com](http://www.spacetimekids.com). Please contact 720-851-7700 with questions.

### Gallery On The Go

Ages 6-12  
Spend some time painting with the help of the instructor, have fun snacking on refreshments and spending time with friends.  
Cost is \$17.  
5:30-7:30 p.m., Nov. 9 and Dec. 14

### Babysitting 101

Ages 11-15  
This course is designed to give knowledge necessary for first time babysitters ages 11-15 to be responsible for young children. Please bring your own lunch.  
Cost is \$55.  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10

### Hunter Safety Courses (Internet)

Ages 8+  
Complete this class to qualify for a Hunter's Education Certificate. This class will be offered Nov. 19 and Dec.10. Cost is \$10.

### Concealed Carry Permit Class

Ages 21+  
This class reviews handgun safety concealed carry law. Cost is \$80.  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

### Modern Combative for Self-Defensive

Ages 18+  
Beginning students will be taught basic self-defense, falling techniques, hand and arm holds. Cost is \$75 per month. Please register at [www.coloradokodenkan.com](http://www.coloradokodenkan.com).  
7– 9 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays (Monthly)

### CPR/First Aid/AED

Ages 11+  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 22



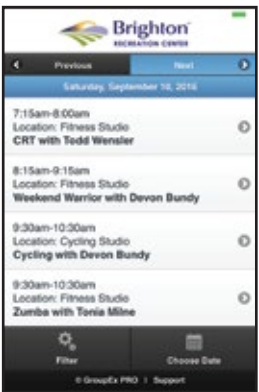
## Big Kids Club

The Brighton Recreation Center offers drop in child care for youth ages 7 to 12 years. This is a drop in program, for a maximum of 90 minutes, while parents remain at the Brighton Recreation Center. This fee based program follows the same fee structure as the current childcare offered for younger children, \$2 per hour to be paid with a punch card that can be purchased at the Recreation Center front desk. Time will be measured in 15-minute increments – and the punch card is reloadable.



Activities include games and themed crafts. Supervision will be provided so that parents can relax in their fitness routines, knowing that their children are being engaged. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday evenings, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For more questions, contact Assistant Recreation Coordinator for Youth Programs Cara Curtis at 303-655-2209.



## Connect with the Brighton Recreation Center's fitness division

The Brighton Recreation Center fitness division has launched a new smartphone app that offers up-to-date information on classes, instructor schedules and changes.

The free app - administered through groupexpo - is available through the iTunes App Store and Android. To download the app, search Brighton Recreation Center.

Each class listed in the app has the time, location, instructor and a brief description. The app also incorporates an "email a friend" and "add to calendar" feature.



## Iron Chlorosis in Trees

By Eric Hammond, Adams County Extension Office

Is your maple looking a little (or maybe very) yellow? It's possible that it is experiencing an iron or other micronutrient deficiency. Red maple and the freeman type maples (of which autumn blaze maple is the most common) as well as red oak and several other species of trees common to our area are all prone to iron deficiencies in alkaline soils (soils with a high pH) like those common to Colorado's Front Range.

These trees struggle to take up iron, as well as other micronutrients such as zinc and molybdenum, from our soils even though there is normally plenty of iron in the soil. Under high pH conditions iron tends to be in forms that are more difficult for plants to take up. Some plants have evolved mechanisms to overcome the difficulty, however, other species, like these maples, have not. This is likely because they had no need as these species are natives to the eastern portions of the continent where the soils generally have a lower pH (in fact sometimes too low) and would gain no great advantage from having evolved specialized and energy intensive iron uptake mechanisms. Cultural factors may also lead to or worsen the issue by making iron less available or hindering root growth. Such factors include soil compaction and over watering both of which lower soil oxygen levels.



So how do you know your tree has a deficiency? Symptoms of iron deficiency are chlorosis (yellowing) of leaves and in severe cases scorching or even premature dropping of leaves. Iron is not very mobile within a plant so symptoms are worse on the newer leaves. In simple terms, the plant uses the iron it has in the first

leaves and runs out so the leaves produced later tend to be more chlorotic. Symptoms also tend to get worse as the season goes on, though in really bad or very far along cases plants may be chlorotic even early in the season. If deficiencies are prolonged they will lead to the decline of the tree and eventually its death.



The best way to deal with this issue is to avoid planting species which are intolerant of our soils. However, there are several potential treatments for the issue all of which have benefits and drawbacks. You can have an arborist inject an iron solution into the trunk of the tree every few years to deal with the issue. However each time you do this you are wounding the tree which is generally stressful for the tree and creates potential avenues for decay. You can also apply a chelated iron fertilizer. These products consist of iron bound up in organic molecules which are stable in our soil. Make sure to use products labeled as FeEDDHA. There are many types and this is one best for our high pH soils. These are somewhat expensive and need to be applied annually. Foliar applications of iron are also a possible treatment but they have their own list of drawbacks. They only green the leaves they are sprayed on so improper application can lead to the tree appearing striped. They can also stain driveways, sidewalks, patios and other elements of the landscape. Foliar iron fertilizers will need to be applied annually. Since it is possible that spring time over watering or issues creating stress for the plant such as soil compaction (often due to construction) and girdling roots may be aggravating the issue. Make sure you watch you watering next spring and if possible core aerate around the tree.

## NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT

By Magi McEntire, Community Relations Manager  
Valley Bank & Trust

### Valley Bank & Trust to host silent auction benefiting Almost Home

In our 45th anniversary year, we at Valley Bank & Trust (VB&T) look back and appreciate the opportunities we've had to help meet some of the financial and social needs of the communities we serve. We also look to the future and assess how we can make an even bigger impact now and in years to come.

For over 20 years, VB&T has hosted a Silent Auction fundraiser for the benefit of Almost Home, Inc. This year's event will be Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at VB&T's location at 4900 East Bromley Lane in Brighton. We invite you to help us make this the most successful Silent Auction to date. Through your donations to the auction or your purchase of items at the event, you are helping to support an invaluable organization in our community.

Almost Home, Inc. began operation as a Colorado non-profit corporation in October 1994. It is their mission to facilitate self-sufficiency for homeless families or individuals in need of housing assistance. In 2015 alone, Almost Home provided residents of Adams and Weld County with \$128,193 in rental and utility assistance, as well as 4,606 nights of shelter to 172 families.

If you'd like to donate an item to the auction or would just like more information, please contact Magi McEntire at 720-685-1760 or [mmcentire@valleybankandtrust.com](mailto:mmcentire@valleybankandtrust.com).

We hope you will consider joining VB&T for a beautiful evening of food, fun, and fundraising!

VB&T is an independent, family-owned Colorado bank with \$310 million in assets. Founded in September 1971, the company has grown to serve individual and business customers in Brighton, Carbon Valley, Denver, Hudson, Westminster and Strasburg, Colorado. Member FDIC/Equal Housing Lender.

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# EXCELLENCE *in Arts*

## Brighton Cultural Arts Commission announces 2016 Excellence in Arts Awards honorees

The Brighton Cultural Arts Commission is pleased to announce the "cultural arts champions" in our community who were recognized with Excellence in Arts Awards at a ceremony Oct. 10.



**Master of Fine Arts**  
Open to photographers, painters, potters, sculptors, jewelry designers and authors.

**Kathy Wardle** is a multi-talented artist excelling as a graphic artist, painter, and photographer and is known most notably for her sculptures. In addition to her bronze "Sandpaper Track" located in front of the Armory Performing Arts Center, Kathy's work is part of the public art in Thornton and Frederick. Kathy's vision is, "to create public sculptures that capture a moment in time and remind the viewer of the significance of that moment in the collective memory of the community." Kathy is co-owner of a gallery in Lafayette and serves on several arts-related committees within Brighton including the Eye for Art, Cultural Arts Commission and the Downtown Partnership.



**Master of Performing Arts**  
Open to filmmakers, dancers, actors/actresses, directors and musicians.

**Kali Palmer** is the drama teacher at Eagle Ridge Academy. In this role, she teaches a variety of classes that allow her students to explore the wide range of skills showcased in the performing arts. Students have the opportunity to learn acting fundamentals, play writing, scene and set design, and film making. Her students have performed a wide range of plays including "The Yellow Boat," a poignant story of a child's battle with AIDS and "The Giver." The students have also staged musicals including "Once Upon a Mattress" and the classic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Improvisation is another opportunity Kali offers her students, and she has formed a team that gives up to 12 shows a year. This team qualified to participate in the national Destination Imagination competition.



**Youth in the Arts**  
Open to an individual, group, or business who has offered some form of creative arts to the youth within our community.

**Linda Bau** has been the music teacher at Southeast Elementary school for 40 years. In her words, "Music takes students to a different place. It provides them with confidence and self-esteem; it gives them opportunities to work on a team while making a commitment to others and to a successful performance." Every year Linda teaches 500-600 students every week and ensures that every student has the opportunity to perform in a special program. She has been a role model for many of her students who have gone on to major in music in college and then to perform professionally. She has inspired the gift and appreciation of music, dance, and performance into thousands of students.



**Beyond Brighton**  
Open to an individual, group, or business from outside our community who has brought ideas to Brighton.

**Benna Harris** served for many years as a member of the Brighton Cultural Arts Commission where she paved the way for permanent, public art installations. She was the chairperson for the selection committees for the sculptures at Historic City Hall, the Recreation Center, Bridge Street at North Elementary School, The Armory, Downtown Brighton on North Main, and most recently the kinetic sculpture which will be installed this winter on 1st Avenue. Benna knows art and has a great understanding of various techniques and is able to empower others with knowledge to make decisions concerning public art installations.



**Visionary**  
Open to an individual, group, or business who has helped form the Brighton cultural scene.

**Ron Ames** is "never one to shy away from rolling up his sleeves and getting to work." Ron has been active in Brighton's cultural scene for many years, and he realized that even though there are many cultural arts-related activities going on, there was not a cohesive, guiding vision for all the programs. As a result, Ron led a small group of interested community members and wrote a very comprehensive Cultural Strategic Plan which has laid the groundwork for community involvement, planning, funding, and structure for the Arts and Culture movement in Brighton. Ron has devoted countless hours serving on various cultural arts committees including the Brighton Cultural Arts Commission, Art Awareness Committee, Eye for Art, and served previously on the Adams County Cultural Council and Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.



**Art in the Community**  
Open to an individual, group, or business who has encouraged public art or a cultural experience in Brighton.

**Sherry Chance** is a gifted photographer who has shared her passion for photography with the Brighton High School drama program. Her expression of art is seen at all the drama productions with her cast photos, head shots and show photos. Furthermore, she edits and packages these photos on CD's in beautiful theme-based cases that are sold at the shows as a fundraiser. Sherry's work is showcased in the lobby of Brighton High School, on the drama department's Facebook page, and on a website. Due to her connection with the drama department's seniors, she has taken many of their senior pictures for little to no cost.



# EAGLE VIEW ADULT CENTER NEWS

1150 Prairie Center Parkway | 303-655-2075

The Eagle View Adult Center is dedicated to the overall social, educational, outreach and wellness needs of seniors and active adults.

## Gift Certificates

Still trying to figure out what to give your parents for holidays and birthdays? How about a gift certificate for programs, classes and trips at the Eagle View Adult Center! These custom-made certificates can be purchased at the front desk anytime throughout the year at the Center's location.



## Craft Fair and Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov. 5

This annual event has 62 vendors selling handmade craft items. Eagle View volunteers will be in attendance selling food and baked goods. Don't miss one of our community's greatest events!



## Angel Tree

Nov. 21 - Dec. 6

Be an angel this holiday season! Starting Monday, Nov 21, take a gift tag off the Eagle View Angel Tree, purchase the requested gift for a local nursing home resident and return the wrapped gift by the deadline date. Can't shop? No worries! The Angels will shop for you. Just pick out the gift tag of your choice, make a check payable to "Harmony Angels" and put both in an envelope. Gifts and checks are to be returned to the Eagle View Adult Center no later than Tuesday, Dec 6 please.



## Effective Communication Strategies

Do you have an aging parent or loved one that you don't see very often? Are holidays the time when you spend time with those folks? Leaders from the Alzheimer's Association will teach caregivers how to decode verbal and behavioral communication by someone with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Participants leave with strategies for meaningful connection with people in early, middle and late stage dementia. The class will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. Please call 303-655-2075 by Monday, Nov. 28 to register. This is a free program offered by the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.



## City Council expresses support for renewal of SCFD

On Oct. 4, City Council passed a resolution expressing its support for the renewal of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (Adams County ballot issue 4B) and urged citizens of Brighton to vote in favor of ballot issue 4B. According to the resolution, SCFD provides funding from one-tenth of a cent sales tax in the seven-county Denver metro area to more than 300 small and large metropolitan arts and science organizations since 1988. SCFD funding has contributed more than \$600,000 since 1997 to the Brighton community, allowing the City of Brighton and the Brighton Cultural Arts Commission to present an abundance of cultural events. Additionally, the most recent economic activity study of the arts shows the region's cultural organizations and facilities generate more than \$1.85 billion a year in economic activity, providing more than 10,000 jobs and generating \$520 million in cultural tourism.



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